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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG & SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received, nor deposited, nor paid out more than \$1,000 in any one year.

4.—Depositors may be on behalf of relatives, or friends, in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank, or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post, by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each deposit or withdrawal. Depositors must not enter any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Cover containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees, by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 1424

WITH Reference to the above, BUSI-

NESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 1425

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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POSITIVE
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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1656

NOTICE.

M. B. B. DALTON SAYLE was Admitted a PARTNER in my Business from the 1st Instant, and the Name or Style of the Firm in future will be 'W. R. LOXLEY & CO.'

W. R. LOXLEY.

Hongkong, January 13, 1885. 76

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. FREDERIC DELANO HITCH in our Firm in Hongkong, China and elsewhere ceased on the 30th June last.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, 1st January, 1885. 14

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the Undersigned, CRANE This Day by Mutual Consent, and with the Notice of the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGE is DISSOLVED.

WILLIAM LEGGE.

E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 12

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the Notice of the DIS-
SOLUTION of the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGE, I will Continue the BUSINESS of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER in my own Name from this date.

WILLIAM LEGGE.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 13

NOTICE.

OWING to the DISSOLUTION of the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGE, I will Continue the BUSINESS of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER and AUCTIONEER in my own Name from this date.

E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 9

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Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 9

NOTICE.

THE Thirty-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 62, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th February, Three o'clock in the Afternoon, the purpose of convoking a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd Instant to the 4th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1885. 79

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

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Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 65

For Sale.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1885. 130

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This and following Days.

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Hongkong, January 26, 1885. 145

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship *Glenn* having arrived

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-DAY, the 26th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 26, 1885. 143

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Hongkong, January 8, 1885.

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Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

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Sugar Delabatons, 1882.

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OF THE CHAMPS DE DIXIÈRE, CAUTERETS,
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MADAME LEONI,
Pianist, will provide at the
PIANO.

Price of Admission: ... \$2.

A Plan of the Hall may be seen, and
Tickets secured at Morris, LANE, Crawford
& Co's.

Hongkong, January 28, 1885.

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Sole Proprietor, — GEO. NORVILLEFROM
THE THEATRE ROYAL, CALCUTTA;
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THE GAIETY THEATRE, BOMBAY.Patrons:
T. R. H. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS,
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on the arrival of the Company.The Plan of the Theatre may be seen and
Seats secured at Morris, KELLY & WALSH'S.

Hongkong, December 11, 1884.

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Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurance as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either
here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

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Policies issued for long or short periods at
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\$5,000 at reduced rates.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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OF
SHARHOLDERS.THE Undersigned having been appointed
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1885.

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THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
rates.ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, November 5, 1883.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.GILMAN & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.GILMAN & CO.
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NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
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Hongkong, January 1, 188

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

STEWART AND EARL'S ALL SAFE.

London, Jan. 23.

General Wolseley telegraphs that there is no cause for uneasiness and that Stewart and Earl's column have reached Iskita.

CAPTURE OF METAMMICH—Sir H. STEWART WOUNDED.

Metammich has been captured. Colonel Sir H. Stewart is severely wounded.

THE DAY'S DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS.—A CLUE DISCOVERED.

An important clue to the authors of the late dynamite explosions has been discovered. Eight men are under surveillance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next ENGLISH MAIL, by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Bokhara*, left Singapore on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 31st January.The next AMERICAN MAIL, for the P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *City of New York*, left Yokohama on Monday, the 26th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 1st prox.The S. S. *Radnor* left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst.

The two direct steamers, with the first sale's opinion and Indian mails, left Calcutta on the 21st instant, for this port.

The S. S. *Bengal* left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst.The steamer *Opocz* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst.The S. S. *Glenfidd* left Singapore for this port on the 27th instant.Eighty-two cases of dynamite were brought out here in the steamer *Jessie Osborne*, which arrived from Hamburg to-day.His Excellency Sir George Bowen left the Colony this morning on a visit to Canton for a few days. While at Canton Sir George is, we hear, to be entertained on board H. M. S. *Vigilant*.It was reported in Singapore on the 21st inst. that there was a serious disturbance in Brunei and that the Sultan had abdicated. H.M.S.S. *Curacao* and *Fochou* left Singapore the same morning for Labuan in order to be at hand to protect British interests in the disturbed district.We are glad to learn, from the Agents, that Captain McKechnie and the officers of the lost steamer *Rosslyn* have been exonerated before a British Consular Court of Inquiry at Saigon. It will be still more gratifying to hear that prompt measures are being taken to ascertain and mark the danger that has proved so disastrous to the *Rosslyn*.

The annual distribution of prizes in the Diocesan Home and Orphanage School will take place to-morrow (Friday) at the Institution itself in Caine Road, at 12 o'clock. The Bishop will preside. It is hoped that as many of the subscribers, and other friends who may find it convenient to attend will do so.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the steamer *Canton* of London, 1065 tons, classed 100 A.I. of Lloyd's, is to be sold at Saigon next month. According to the articles of the Commercial Code under which it is sold, the vessel has to be put up for auction on three different occasions, the first being fixed for Wednesday, the 4th February next, and afterwards on the two following Wednesdays.Panmure has been given by the local authorities to the French ironclad *Triomphant*, at present in Harbour, to take on board seven days' supplies. These were being shipped to-day. This is the first vessel which has had her supplies doled out to her under the recent proclamation issued by Government. It is not likely, if supplies can possibly be transported to Keelung in vessels other than French and Chinese, that the other ships of Admiralty's fleet will visit our port often.

We have pleasure in announcing that a lecture will be delivered in the City Hall, at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday next (the 3rd Feb.), by the Rev. J. G. Tenison-Woods, M.A., F.G.S., F.L.S., the subject being 'Minerals and Minerals of the Malay Peninsula.' Mr Tenison-Woods, whose vice-President of the Linnean Society of New South Wales, and a geologist and mineralogist of some repute, has just concluded an exploration of the Malay States; and as Penang and Selangor have lately commanded rather more than ordinary attention in this part of the world, the lecture here announced will no doubt attract a large audience. The chair will be taken by H. E. Sir George Bowen.

JAKARTA, which has been reached by the columns of Colonel Stewart and General Earle, does not appear on any map of the Borneo in our possession, but the place is probably between Mettamich and Kharoem. The distance from Mettamich, where the recent engagement was fought, to Kharoem is about 100 miles if the banks of the Nile are followed. In regard to the column of General Earle, it was understood that the special mission of this force was to punish those who were the supporters of Colonel Stewart and party. For this purpose he had collected a brigade of infantry, the Fourth Battalion, and his mission must have at the outset taken him in a different direction from that pursued by the column.

sued by Colonel Stewart, as the one had to follow the bend of the Nile for some distance and the other (Colonel Stewart) had to strike across the desert. It would appear from to-day's telegrams that his junction has now been effected between Colonel Stewart and General Earle's forces, and possibly the latter may have accomplished his mission. The troops which formed the advanced force on the march to Mettamich under Colonel Stewart were the 19th Hussars, the Camel Corps, the 55th regiment and the Naval Brigade. If Mettamich has been captured, there ought to be little difficulty in communicating with Kharoem by means of the armoured steamers which General Gordon has running on the Nile.

In commenting recently on the question regarding the fortifications of Hongkong which was put to the Government in the Legislative Council yesterday, we suggested that light guns had their special uses in fortifications and that if the work at the Lyem-noon Pass was being armed with such guns, it could not be intended that they should take the place of larger guns capable of dealing with the most heavily armoured ironclads. The statement made by His Excellency the Governor yesterday shows that we were correct in these surmises. Light guns are being mounted in the fort for the purpose of protecting the submarine mine field against hostile steam launches and boats which might attempt to take up, or destroy, the torpedoes, so as to enable an enemy's cruisers to enter the harbour. It is very satisfactory to learn that the local Government has received, within the last few days, a telegram from home stating that new guns are being provided for Hongkong at a cost of no less than £80,000. These are the heavy guns which the 40-pounders now being placed in the fort on the Lyem-noon Pass are merely intended to supplement. Having said so much, we may add that Mr. Jackson's question can do no harm, while it may possibly do much good, as it will bring before the home authorities the importance attached to this Colony to the arming of the forts here with heavy and efficient guns. It is more than probable that the terms in which the vote for constructing these forts was passed in the Council have had some influence on the home Government in finally deciding on the nature of the guns to be sent out to Hongkong. The Council passed the vote unanimously on the understanding that the armament provided by the Imperial Government will be of the best and latest pattern of breech-loading ordnance, capable of resisting attacks by the heaviest modern ironclads. This resolution was at once telegraphed home, and now we have the satisfactory reply by wire that the proposed expenditure for providing the armament has been more than doubled.

YACHT RACE FOR THE DOUGLAS CHALLENGE CUP.

The three yachts, Mr W. H. Forbes' *Naomi*, Mr W. H. Ray's *Kathleen*, and Lieut. Brooks' *Ariel* got away from Castle Peak Bay at about 7.30 a.m. pretty well together, the last-named being slightly at a disadvantage in the start, but was ahead of the *Kathleen* when passing the White Rock, and not much behind the *Naomi*. From there down to the Stake Boat at Macao, it was free running, all three carrying all the outside canvas they could, as circumstances allowed. The *Naomi* had her top-mast and tacked round under main-sail, fore-sail, and jib, and passed at 10.30 a.m., followed by*Ariel* at 10.40 a.m.*Kathleen* at 10.50 a.m.The *Naomi* immediately after passing took a snug rest and started close-hauled on her way back to the White Rock. The little *Ariel*, plumping heavily but holding her own, gallantly followed, and took the same course, though apparently under some temporary difficulties; while the *Kathleen* struck out a course for herself and made for the Macao Shore. The *Naomi* got well in, but had to tack thrice before again rounding the White Rock, which she did about 2.45 p.m. The *Ariel* was about 20 minutes behind when the *Naomi* tacked, and lost a good deal of time by holding up towards Castle Peak, apparently in search of a chance favourable wind or tide. The *Kathleen* came up in time to round the White Rock, about half an hour after the *Naomi*, followed some time after by the *Ariel*.

From the White Rock down to the Stake Boat was pretty much a repetition of the morning's run, but there was a little more sea and wind. The Stake Boat was passed

at 10.45 p.m.

The *Ariel* arriving shortly after 11 p.m. Pretty well throughout the entire run there was quite as much wind and rather more sea than most yachtsmen care for, but it was, on the whole, not an unpleasant sail, especially when finished.

A submarine voyage is not the most favourable for observation, especially when your competing friends are in similar straits; and this was to be got over on an excursion to Peking.

Plaintiff—Did you imagine that such a concession was to be got over on an excursion to Peking?

Plaintiff—Well, Yim, two-tai, believed it could be obtained.

Mr Denny—You really believed it could be obtained.

Plaintiff—Yes.

Mr Denny—You are speaking in all seriousness, are you not? You really

had been reserved for the enterprising editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette* to invent the most offensive abomination in the way of advertising which I have yet had the ill-fortune to meet with. Counterfeit sentiments of babies in arms have been sold to them, and I have never used to conceive. But in Bond Street the other day I encountered three men whose sandwich boards consisted of a couple of coffin lids, adorned by the device of a skull and crossbones, while the men themselves were attired as mutes with black hats and long white bands. They wore, of course, followed by yelling small-boys, who assailed them with cries of 'Who stole the coffin?' 'Yah, body-snatcher!' etc. And all this is an advertisement of P. M. O. Christmas extra. Surely, even in advertising, it is just as well to draw the line somewhere. —Life.It is fully time, says *Trondh*, that the police should take the man Eglington in hand. If they want evidence against this rogue and vagabond, I shall be most happy to furnish them with the name of the writer of the following letter. Every now and then one hears of some old crone being prosecuted for gaining money by pretended dealings with the unseen world; and people wonder how, in the present age of enlightenment, fools have been found to become her dupes. Yet Eglington allowed to practise his trade with impunity, and persons of sense and education ray him. A little while ago, a lady well known in fashionable and racing circles consulted him as to the horse which would win a race. On a slate was written the word 'Theban' and 'Theban' was first pronounced, won. At once silly speculators rushed to him, thinking that they had fortune at their back. For another race, the word 'Amaida' was written; Amaida, however, did not win.Sir—In corroboration of the article which appeared in last week's *Truth*, relative to 'Mr Eglington,' the spiritualist, permit me to say a few words. A lady residing in Grosvenor-square, notorious for her crudity on the subject, called on the individual above named, and asked him if he could and would produce the spirit of her dead son who had died about three months ago. Eglington naturally stated he could. A stance (of course, a dark one) was arranged. After the usual numminies a form appeared. The old lady at once pronounced it to be the spirit of her departed offspring, conversed with him for some time; and informed he was perfectly comfortable where he was, and Mr. Eglington was right. The questions asked were answered, but in every case the answers were utterly incorrect. Eglington obtained the address of a Mr. Visconti, who is remarkably good-looking, and wrote a few days afterwards bought him out and sent him, as he wished to arrange a date with her. I proposed to attend it instead, taking with me my family spirit, in the shape of a remarkably stiff cutting whip, and it was only at the earnest entreaty of the lady, who dreared a row, and her name appearing, that I desisted from this impostor and vagabond Eglington the well merited horse-whipping he deserves. What I want to know is, cannot he be prosecuted? A poor gipsy woman who charges sixpence for performing similar tricks is amenable to the law. Why is not Eglington? I enclose my card, and remain your obedient servant

SPECTACLES AGENDA.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF PLAINTIFF.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. J. Russell, Justice of the Peace.)

Thursday, Jan. 20.

A. H. JACKSON v. H. S. BIDWELL AND W. KERFOOT HUGHES.—\$750.

Mr Denys, of Messrs Denys and Moss, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Wotton, of Messrs Wotton and Deacon, represented defendant.

Mr Wotton, when proceedings were adjourned, said his objection which he took last night to the contract was that it came under the provisions of the Statute of Frauds, Section 1, and could not be sued upon before the expiry of one year from the date of the contract.

His Lordship said that point had better be argued later. Mr Wotton might begin with his cross-examination, and the point could stand over.

Cross-examination of plaintiff was then continued: He never contemplated entering into a partnership with the other three parties concerned (Messrs Hughes, Bidwell and Schindl) unless the receiving of 10 per cent. on the net profits could be called partnership. He knew that the draft of agreement sent by him and Mr. Schindl to Messrs Hughes and Bidwell, commenced with the words: 'We do hereby by these presents agree to enter into a partnership.' He did not know whether that would be called a partnership or not.

Mr Wotton, when the contract was signed, produced two mouthfuls of paper, and the plaintiff was asked what that was. Plaintiff said he had given evidence sufficient to show that he had in any way implicated himself with Mr Jackson, or agreed on any terms with him. A nod and a nod alone would hardly be sufficient to enable one to infer a partnership; but the other man got away. Upon entering the house the Sergeant found at the door at the top of the stairs had been broken so as to enable one to push back the bolt. He also found a dagger on the floor.

The stolen clothing was found on the top floor of No. 46 East Street, where defendant lived.

Four previous convictions were proved against the defendant, and he was now committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

(Before H. E. Weddhouse, Esq.)

ENTERING A HOUSE FOR A FELONIOUS PURPOSE.

Chu Asung, a coolie, appeared on a charge of entering house No. 64 East Street at 7 p.m. on the 14th inst., with intent to commit a felony.

Complainant's evidence was to the effect that at 9 p.m. on the 14th inst., he was in bed in the room on the ground floor of the house No. 64 East Street, when he heard a loud knock at the door; and when he got up he found the Sergeant at the door. The Sergeant said that the door had been broken so as to enable one to push back the bolt. He also found a dagger on the floor.

The defendant was sentenced to three months hard labour.

(Before H. E. Weddhouse, Esq.)

Thursday, January 20.

RETAILING SPIRITS WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Rudolph Müller, proprietor of a coffee-shop in Wellington Street, appeared on a charge of retailing him with retailing spirits without a license, contrary to the 1884 Act.

Sergeant Butcher, defendant's coffee-house, No. 90 Wellington St., on the 28th, by virtue of a search, found a bottle half full of gin under the counter, a case containing seven unopened bottles in the cool-house. A wine glass on the counter smelt strongly of gin.

C. W. Hubert, a runner in Leman's boarding house, and John Kidd, a seaman on board the American ship *Commodore*, gave evidence as to having bought gin, at 5 cents a glass, from the defendant, on different occasions.

Defendant, who stated that his adopted mother, named Akam, lived on the 1st floor, and he went there to visit her.

Tau Aye, the wife of Ng Aman, residing on the first floor of No. 64, was called by the defendant, but stated that she knew nothing of the prisoner and had never seen him before. Defendant was sentenced to three months hard labour.

(Before H. E. Weddhouse, Esq.)

Thursday, January 20.

TAKING A HOUSE FOR A FELONIOUS PURPOSE.

Chu Asung, a coolie, appeared on a charge of taking a house for a felonious purpose.

Complainant's evidence was to the effect that at 9 p.m. on the 14th inst., he was in bed in the room on the ground floor of the house No. 64 East Street, when he heard a loud knock at the door. The Sergeant found at the door at the top of the stairs had been broken so as to enable one to push back the bolt. He also found a dagger on the floor.

The stolen clothing was found on the top floor of No. 46 East Street, where defendant lived.

Four previous convictions were proved against the defendant, and he was now committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

(Before H. E. Weddhouse, Esq.)

Thursday, January 20.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Ng Asau, a fishmonger, with a record of nine previous convictions, was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on a charge of stealing a purse containing 60 cents, from a woman named Mak Yat Ho, on the Praya West, on the 26th last.

(Before H. E. Weddhouse, Esq.)

Thursday, January 20.

COMMITTEE OF TRADE.

George Hayward, an American seaman, was charged with being drunk and assaulting Tung Leung, a coolie, on the 26th last.

Tung Leung, a coolie, was charged with assaulting Hayward, the defendant, who was drunk, came up behind him and struck him several blows with his fist. Defendant denied the charge but was fined \$5, or fourteen days' hard labour. Not being able to pay the fine he went to gaol.

(Before H. E. Weddhouse, Esq.)

Thursday, January 20.

LIFE ON THE STAGE.

The reopening of the 'Imperial' suggests several observations important to playgoers.

A former generation went to the theatre more for moral edification and intellectual recreation than for dissipation or dissipation of a mild character, which nowadays attracts most spectators to the playhouse.

The higher object and the intense attention, not to say absorption, which it entailed made a good deal of discomfort bearable at the theatre, and it generally even escaped notice. The arrangements of even such famous houses as the Scala of Milan bear out this view. To the modern public, spoilt in so many ways, on the contrary, of supreme importance, and nothing will consequently impress, and with the public to draw it to such houses as the Imperial, for instance.

This latter theatre, although of modern build, is the very model of a playhouse as it should be.

The access to the stalls is difficult and unsightly, and when you have reached your seat it is no easy matter, considering the barriers erected right and left, to occupy it. Even men, to whom nature has been less bountiful than to women, and whose raiment bulges out much less, or rather not at all, find it next to impossible to arrange themselves within the limited compass assigned to them for a seat, unless

evidence did not support his case as set out in the summons, and he was not present to say at the trial that he would not non-suit plaintiff. If Mr Wotton liked to rest his case upon his present defence, it seemed fatal to plaintiff, but, if he liked his case, he could look up his old master, and could trust his case, but if he liked he could just forward his evidence.

Mr W

A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

Many years ago there came to Colombo two brothers, named Charles and William Collins. They were possessed of a certain amount of capital with which they erected a manufactory for soap-boiling and bone-crushing, the latter for fertilizing manure. In time they grew rich and began to think of settling in life as they fell in love, and both fell in love with the same girl. She was good and pretty, and would have made a capital wife for either of them. William loved her first, and introduced her to Charles. On that day she had two lovers. One day Charles said to William, "I love this girl and intend to marry her." William laughed and said, "Indeed." "Why Charles flushed up and said with heat, "Really, Dr. Quibble, my time is valuable, hand me over the money and let me go." "Mr. Charles Collins," said the doctor, "we don't intend to pay that claim." "What?" said Charles, "do I understand that you refuse to pay the money?" "Yes," said the manager. "On what ground?" "I decline to say" said the manager. "Why curse you," said Charles savagely, "do you think I murdered my brother?" I know you did," thundered the manager. Charles Collins turned deadly pale and left the room without a word. The next night it was Christmas, and a steamer grew that was William's manufactory that was on fire, and so it proved. In the course of a day when the rains became cool enough for persons to enter, a few workmen made their way to the counting house. On the floor, covered by rubbish, they found the body of Charles Collins, his skull shattered, and a pistol grasped in his dead hand.—E. E. in New Year's Supplement to *Ceylon Observer*.

"What name, sir?" said the doctor. "William and Charles." "Do you know where they are?" "In the morning, sir, we start to this minute, to the steamer. The *Transvaal* made a large arrival, and on the voyage to Madras blow up, body captain, passengers, and all, and came down in little pieces. The list of passengers was published in the *Observer* and other papers, and among the victims of this steam-boat catastrophe was the name of William Collins. But I am going ahead of myself, and must 'hark back.'

Leaving the booking-office, Charles Collins went about the city, and mentioned casually, in several quarters, that his brother William was going to start for Madras to see about the purchase of some

machinery.

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